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AAW Hand-Carved 1-panel Brazilian mahogany door, from \$824.50, [doornmore.com](http://doornmore.com); Lausanne double-cylinder keyed brass handleset in satin nickel finish, \$324, [emtek.com](http://emtek.com) for stores

### paint

Asparagus Fern by Dunn-Edwards



### planter

Allen 20"H x 20"-diameter glazed fiberglass planter in blue, \$28.50, [unbeatableales.com](http://unbeatableales.com). We filled ours with pansies.



### doormat

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# I dare you to...

**You may have noticed** that we don't believe in strict decorating rules at this magazine. We're more the cheerleader type: here to give you encouragement and the confidence to try something new, maybe even something you never thought you would. What if you painted your living room walls a super-dark color? What if you hung a chandelier in your laundry room? What if you tossed a leopard-print pillow on your sofa—next to a floral one?!

In this issue, we dreamed up a bunch of what-ifs for a special feature called "Be a Little More Daring With Your Decorating" (page 33). I dare you to try a few ideas that are just a smidge outside your comfort zone. I did. I wondered, what if I paired green (my least favorite color) with black-and-white, a combo that always works? And what if I went big and bold with patterns (look at those dramatic leaves!) instead of playing it safe with small prints, as I usually do? Turns out, I like this mix. I sure didn't see it coming—and that just adds to the fun.

*Sara*

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## shop this look

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**SOFETTE FABRIC** 32576 linen fabric in blossom, Duralee  
**PILLOWS** (from left) Spot Cheetah 22" x 22" cotton and linen pillow in multi, emilymccarthy.com; Archive New York Antigua 12" x 20" cotton pillow in aqua, shopcandelabra.com; Milan 18" x 18" cotton pillow, froghilldesigns.net



## rug

Artistic Weavers  
Missy 7'6" x 9'6"  
wool rug in gold,  
\$374, overstock.com

## mug

Kate Spade New York All in Good Taste Deco Dot 12-ounce stoneware mug, \$7, macys.com



## pillows



E by Design Coastal Calm Geometric 18" x 18" polyester pillow in green, \$57.50, wayfair.com

## sofette

Alston 56"-wide polyester love seat in pink magenta, \$999, pbteen.com



Akwaflorell Spotted 20" x 20" polyester pillow, \$35, society6.com



Acantha Stripes 12" x 18" cotton pillow in coastal blue, \$49, thepillowcollection.com



before

## DIY TABLE

Pre-assembly, set aside the shelf and the glass top. Spray-paint the frame, and let dry. Apply marble-print contact paper to the top of the shelf, then cut a few thin strips to wrap around the shelf's edge. Assemble the table.

**TABLE** Vittsjö 17¾"H x 29½"-diameter steel and particleboard coffee table in white, \$50, ikea.com  
**SPRAY PAINT** Gold by Rust-Oleum Specialty Metallic  
**CONTACT PAPER** Marble contact paper, \$8 for a 39" x 17¾" sheet, darbysmart.com



after





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letters

# dear **HGTV** magazine,

Readers share  
their thoughts  
and tell us which  
stories inspired  
them most.



## **What a crisp, timeless white kitchen**

you featured in the November House Tour “Warm, Woodsy, and Welcoming.” I loved it! I can say from experience that white makes it easy to change up dish towels and counter accessories on a whim. I thought the subway tile backsplash was a nice touch, too.

—Joanne Cembrook, Round Hill, VA

## **I recently started my subscription,**

and wow is the first word that comes to mind. This is the magazine I read immediately after picking it up from my mailbox. The bright, fun covers get me excited to check out what’s inside. And please keep the budget-friendly ideas coming. I can’t wait to see what next month brings.

—Stephanie Scoggins, Gainesville, GA

## **I’ve wanted to paint our red brick**

home green ever since we purchased it in 2010, but I had trouble taking the leap. The green stucco house in October’s “Copy the Curb Appeal” helped me visualize what our home would look like. We just finished the job using the color featured, Georgian Green, and we love the way it turned out. Thank you for inspiring us!

—Jill Evans, Louisville, KY



Georgian Green  
by Benjamin Moore



**In nine years of searching for art to** hang above my sofa, I couldn't find anything I liked within my price range. Finally "Fall Around the House" came along in your October issue. The square frames filled with scrapbook paper, which you hung in a dining area, was exactly what I needed. To re-create the look, I simply bought frames at a local crafts store and popped pretty paper inside. It doesn't get easier than that!

—Susan Johns, Endicott, NY

**Stories in the Help Wanted section** are often my favorites. Thanks for November's "If Your Aluminum Foil Could Talk." I'll save time knowing it's not necessary to put food on one side of the foil versus the other—unless it's nonstick foil, of course. Keep up the good work entertaining, informing, and encouraging readers like me.

—Sandy Small, Cape Coral, FL

**Vern Yip really knows what he's** talking about. I should have listened to his expert advice on measuring a room for an area rug in a story I saved from years ago ["Learn From Vern: Area Rugs," October 2013]. Instead I learned the hard way when I purchased a rug too small for the space. Next time I'll take his word for it.

—Jane Cavallaro, Brick, NJ

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—Megan Gillum, Missouri City, TX

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## ...to keep charging your phone after it hits 100%?

You may think leaving your phone plugged in after it's fully charged will weaken the battery, but your phone really *is* smart: Its battery stops accepting the charge once it reaches capacity, says Isidor Buchmann, founder of batteryuniversity.com. What does shorten the battery's life span is routinely letting the phone go dead before charging it back to 100%. When possible, plug the phone in when the charge falls to 30% to reduce stress on the battery. "It's better to charge for shorter periods of time more often," says Buchmann. Letting the battery get hot also takes a toll. If you're going to leave your phone plugged in for a while, remove the case so heat can escape.

**not bad at all!**



## ...to tear out a page of a magazine at the doctor's office?

Resist the urge to rip. Tearing out an article, a recipe, or a photo of a pillow you want to buy is a selfish act, says etiquette expert Cynthia Lett, author of *Modern Civility*. "First, the magazine doesn't belong to you, so it's stealing," she says. "You're also saying, 'I'm more important than anyone else who might want to read this.'" Consider, too, that the page you tear out may have an article printed on the other side. Instead, take a photo of it with your phone or jot down the page number and issue date so you can find the magazine later. Or—if the office isn't busy and has a copy machine—politely ask a staff member to make a photocopy for you.

**really bad!**



## ...to put food that's still hot in the fridge?

Perishable food shouldn't sit out longer than two hours, so it's important to get that soup/casserole/stew in the refrigerator sooner rather than later. Just make sure that once it's in the fridge, your food doesn't remain hot long enough for bacteria to grow. To get food to cool down quickly, "divide it into a few shallow containers, then stagger them on different shelves in the fridge to allow airflow," says Kantha Shelke, Ph.D., a spokesperson for the Institute of Food Technologists. Bonus: Refrigerating hot food in sealed containers can make leftovers more flavorful because they lock in the aromatics.

**not so bad!**



## help wanted



### ...to use body lotion on your face?

Your complexion won't appreciate it. Body lotions often contain fragrance, plus rich ingredients like petroleum-based additives (or moisturizers) better suited for the tougher skin on your arms and legs, says Dee Anna Glaser, M.D., dermatology professor at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine in Missouri. Applied to the delicate skin on your face, body lotion can clog pores, causing a breakout or irritation. Also, body creams don't typically include sun protection, which is key for your face. Dr. Glaser's advice: In a pinch, you can use body lotion, "but avoid the area around your eyes, where the skin is thinner and more delicate."

**pretty bad!**

### ...to leave your receipt at an ATM?

Can crooks break into your account or steal your identity based solely on your ATM receipt? It's not likely. But if you leave behind your receipt—which typically includes the last four digits of your account number and your balance—you're "dropping breadcrumbs that can lead back to you," says Adam Levin, author of *Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers, and Identity Thieves*. "Thieves are experts at piecing together seemingly small bits of info," he says. "Why let them know an account ending in these four digits has \$10,000 in it?" The safest thing to do is to take your receipt and, when it's time to toss it, rip it up and discard it in two trash bins.

**super bad!**



### ...to give your dog a rawhide bone?

Think twice before throwing Fido that bone. Rawhide, typically made from the inner layer of cowhide, poses two threats to your pet, says Michael Blackwell, D.V.M., chief veterinary officer with The Humane Society of the United States. First, like any bone, it's a choking hazard. When moistened with saliva, rawhide grows tacky and can get stuck to the roof of a dog's mouth or in his throat. Rawhide is also difficult for many canines to digest, so swallowing a large chunk of it can cause a life-threatening intestinal blockage. The second concern is salmonella. Both you and your pet can get sick from handling bones contaminated with it. "To me, the benefits don't outweigh the risks," says Dr. Blackwell. He suggests one of the many other options on the market that satisfy your pup's need to chew instead.

**really bad!**

### ...to let vines grow up your house?

Don't be fooled by their storybook look. Climbing vines growing on a house can become a nightmare if they're not closely monitored. In addition to trapping moisture—which can lead to mold, mildew, and rotted siding—the foliage can act as a highway for rodents and insects, such as termites, to get inside your roof and attic, says Chicago-based home inspector Frank Lesh, executive director of the American Society of Home Inspectors. While brick won't rot like wood will, vines can creep into cracks in the mortar or beneath windowsills, creating an entryway for water and vermin. The worst part, says Lesh: "The foliage camouflages these problems, so people don't see them until it's too late." If you want the look without the worry, Lesh suggests growing your greenery on a trellis away from the house.

**pretty bad!**





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# if your *dish soap* could talk

It would give you the dirt on how to use it best.

## **Do not put me in the dishwasher.**

Soap made for hand-washing dishes gets super sudsy, which can mess with the mechanics inside a dishwasher and send foam spilling out from behind the door.

A dishwasher-specific detergent works with minimal suds to prevent this from happening.

## **I'm no one-trick pony.**

When cleaning directions call for soapy water, that's usually a solution made with dish soap. Since it's typically pH-neutral, dish soap won't scratch surfaces like some cleaners can. Try it on natural stone or to lift oil stains from a driveway.

## **Can I get a refill?**

Hang on to that empty bottle. Many dish soap manufacturers sell jumbo containers, allowing you to keep refilling the original bottle—which cuts waste and can save you money.

## **Foaming formulas are bubbling up everywhere.**

Although liquid dish soap still has a stronghold on the market, foaming varieties have started showing up on shelves too. Why give them a shot? They're formulated so you can use less: One pump of foamy concentrated soap could get you through a sizable stack of dishes.

## **I'll bring houseplants back to life.**

If a plant has started drooping because its potting soil has become so dry that it no longer absorbs water, try dousing the soil with  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon of dish soap per gallon of  $H_2O$ . The soap helps the soil retain water long enough for the plant's roots to soak it up, reviving the plant.

## **My suds are mostly for show.**

While you might think an abundance of bubbles means your soap is working overtime, it actually has little to do with the product's performance. Some surfactants—the key ingredient in dish soap—simply make sudsier water than others do.



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# what's the difference

Finally! Clarification on some commonly confused household terms.

## blue jay VS. bluebird




The blue jay is the species of jay bird found east of the Rocky Mountains. It is noisy, has a long tail, and is known for scaring other birds away from feeders.




There are three types—Eastern, Mountain, and Western—all short and plump but with slight color differences. They rarely visit feeders because they prefer eating insects.

## jelly roll pan VS. cookie sheet




Jelly roll pans have raised edges, making them more versatile in the kitchen. Use them to roast veggies or meat without worrying about the juices spilling.




Cookie sheets, intended specifically for cookie baking, are completely flat. Sometimes they have slightly curved ends for easy handling.

## shamrock VS. four-leaf clover




The shamrock is a national symbol of Ireland. It doesn't represent one particular plant but is associated with many, including clover and several plants in the oxalis family.




A four-leaf clover is the result of a mutation in the clover plant that causes it to sprout four leaves instead of the usual three. It's rare and a universal sign of good luck.

## bed skirt VS. dust ruffle



A bed skirt drapes over the box spring and falls to the floor, covering the bed frame and the space below it. Styles vary from tailored and pleated to loose and ruffled.



Today, *dust ruffle* is practically synonymous with *bed skirt*, as many companies have phased out the somewhat dated name. Most people use the term to mean a ruffled bed skirt.

**OUR EXPERTS:** Stephen Cardino, VP and fashion director for Home at Macy's; Jenny McCoy, pastry chef instructor at the Institute of Culinary Education; Kevin J. McGowan, Ph.D., ornithologist at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology; Wayne Parrott, Ph.D., professor of crop science at the University of Georgia



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Custom-designing this marbled graphic wall mural was the fun part, getting it installed 20' above the ground was the challenge. The impact brought this dull stairwell to new heights."

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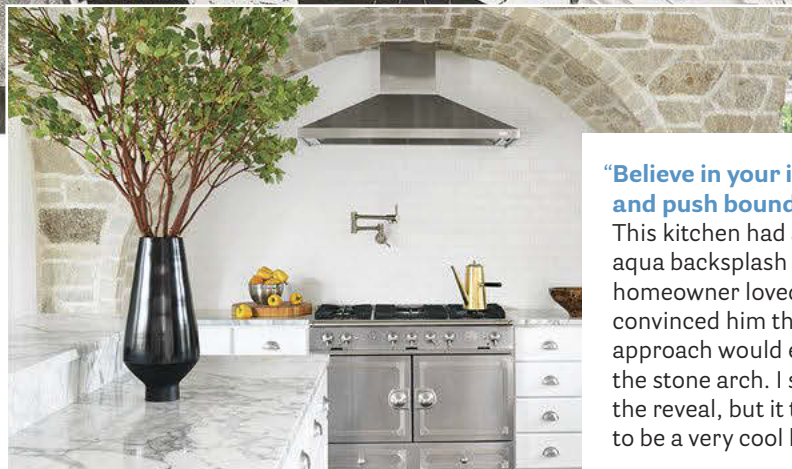


Designer and blogger **Jessie D. Miller**, a.k.a. the **Design Daredevil**, never does. While it may cause stress, she constantly pushes herself and her clients to try new and extraordinary designs. Here, Jessie shares her secrets for being anything but ordinary.



**"Be bold, even in traditional spaces."**

Lacquering a traditional white dining room black from top to bottom was quite nerve-racking, but the result was a dramatic, sexy space that the clients and I love."



**"Believe in your instincts and push boundaries."**

This kitchen had a bright aqua backsplash that the homeowner loved, but I convinced him that a new approach would enhance the stone arch. I sweated the reveal, but it turned out to be a very cool kitchen."

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# fun decorating

Paint the ceiling the same bright color as the walls.

Go for a bed frame with drama, like this four-poster canopy.

Hang a showy chandelier right above your bed.

## a little be a more **DARING** with your decorating

Nothing too crazy here. Just 27 bold(ish) design ideas to try.





1

### paint a room charcoal

Many rooms can handle dark walls, especially if they get plenty of light. Try deep gray—or, if you really want to be a daredevil, black—to instantly create coziness.



### I DARE YOU TO...

“Take wall shelves up to the ceiling. It makes a huge impact! Add a rolling ladder for easy access.”

—Genevieve Gorder, HGTV designer

2

### rethink your switch plates

So long, plain white plastic! Try a patterned plate instead for a surprising pop.

Mexitile Diamond 5" x 3 1/4" clay switch plate, \$17, switchhits.com



3

### hang art low

There's no rule that says art should always be at eye level. Position a piece a foot or two off the floor. It's not only unexpected, but you'll also be able to enjoy the picture while seated.





4

### fill a vase with one giant leaf

A solitary leaf with a striking shape, like a monstera (right), a palm, or an elephant's ear, can last weeks and is often much cheaper than a flower bouquet.

Colors of Summer 12"H x 7"-diameter glass vase in fuchsia, \$89, [vivaterra.com](http://vivaterra.com)



5

### put a chandelier in the laundry room

You probably spend a lot of time in this chore space, so why not give it special treatment with a fun, fancy light fixture?



6

### paint a pattern on your floor

Stencil or tape off a design. So it lasts, use porch or floor paint, followed by one or two coats of polyurethane.

### add pretty finials to a curtain rod

Many rods have threaded ends so you can easily screw on new finials.

Diadem 4"-wide brass and iron finials, \$48 for a set of 2, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)







#### I DARE YOU TO...

“Hang one giant piece of art on a wall instead of a bunch of small ones. Nothing grabs attention faster.”

—Vern Yip, HGTV designer



8

#### try a furry accessory

Adding a fun accent piece, like a sheepskin stool, gives your living room a whole new vibe.

15"W x 15"D x 18"H sheepskin and metal stool, \$349, [cb2.com](http://cb2.com)



9

#### bring bold wallpaper into a small space

A large-scale design can look amazing in a tiny room. Plus, when hung in a tucked-away space like a bathroom, the pattern isn't staring you in the face all day!



10

#### get geometric storage

Shelves don't have to stick to the straight and narrow. This angled unit looks like a sculpture.

Soft Modern 16¼"W x 16¼"D x 54¾"H metal étagère, \$200, [sauder.com](http://sauder.com)





11

### mix up dining chairs

Loosen up a formal dining room by alternating two—or more!—chair styles. Here, yellow bentwood chairs sit side by side with black metal seats.



12

### replace a shade

Just because a standard-issue shade came with a lamp base doesn't mean you can't switch it out for a livelier version.

Synthesis 13½"-diameter giclee shade, \$70, [lampsplus.com](http://lampsplus.com); Lauren 16½"-tall ceramic lamp in cream, \$129, [ballarddesigns.com](http://ballarddesigns.com)

13

### paint trim a poppy color

Custom curtains or shades can get pricey.

A just-as-striking, budget-friendlier option: Paint the trim around a window a vibrant hue.







14

### hang a disco ball

Yes, you read that right! Although it doesn't give off real illumination, a mirrored ball bounces light around. Find similar options at a party supply store or on amazon.com.

15

### add a surprising side table

Throw a curveball by subbing in a metallic animal-shaped piece for a traditional end table.

Safavieh Thailand Elephant 20"W x 14½"D x 17"H ceramic stool in gold, \$112, allmodern.com



16

### combine leopard and floral pillows

Because the spotted print acts like a neutral, it's the perfect match for colorful flowers.

Kitsui Leopard 20" x 20" cotton pillow, \$40, pillowdecor.com; Emmy Floral 18" x 18" polyester pillow in violet, \$40, luluandgeorgia.com

17

### upholster a chair in two fabrics

If seats in an all-over wild pattern feel too out-there, cover just the backs with a printed fabric, and leave the rest solid.



### I DARE YOU TO...

“Cover your walls in fabric instead of wallpaper. It offers great texture and is easy to apply with wallpaper paste.”

—Tiffany Brooks, HGTV Smart Home 2016



# 18

## jazz up an interior door

Give bedroom and bathroom doors just as much personality as your front entry by painting them splashy colors.



# 19

## hang a sculpture

Short on wall space for art? Aim higher and suspend a mobile from the ceiling.

Flensted Flowing Rhythm 12" x 18" fiberboard mobile in yellow, \$57, [spotonsquare.com](http://spotonsquare.com)

# 20

## patternize your fireplace

A painted design gives a mantel-free fireplace some much-needed style. The triangle stencil used here mimics the look of tile.



# 21

## try a floral rug in non-floral colors

Done in two sophisticated shades, a flowery design doesn't look granny-ish.

Florence Broadhurst Bondi Beach 5' x 7'6" polypropylene rug in aqua, \$350, [rugs-direct.com](http://rugs-direct.com)





# 22

## pair contrasting colors

Get creative with hues by combining two equally strong shades, such as purple and green or orange and pink. This works on a small scale too, like with bedding or table linens.



### I DARE YOU TO...

“Blanket a room in a pattern. I recently painted stripes on a client’s walls, then repeated them on a table. It was incredibly striking.”

—David Bromstad, *My Lottery Dream Home*

# 23

## put a bed in front of a window

It’s not as awkward as you may imagine. Windows are a natural focal point—think of them as an insta-headboard—and will help draw attention to pretty linens and shams.



# 24

## swap out your doorknobs

It’s fun to add color in an unexpected place. Trade a plain Jane knob for something bright.

Smooth 2½”-diameter glass doorknob in cobalt blue with polished nickel finish, \$213, [merlinglass-usa.com](http://merlinglass-usa.com)





# 25

## stencil stairs

Upgrade your staircase by painting a pattern on the risers. Keep the treads neutral (the ones here are wood) so the look is sophisticated, not silly.



# 27

## get chairs off the ground

Suspended from a rope, a hanging chair is a playful take on accent seating. Anchor it from a ceiling joist to make sure it's secure.

Circular 45"W x 23½"D x 51"H rattan hanging chair, \$395, [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com)

# 26

## go huge with lighting

A jumbo pendant or chandelier in the dining room leaves a major impression. To keep it in proportion, make sure it's not wider than the table below it.



### I DARE YOU TO...

“Take a bedroom out of this world by painting stars or clouds on the ceiling. Add blinking LED string lights to complete the effect.”

—Hilary Farr, *Love It or List It*



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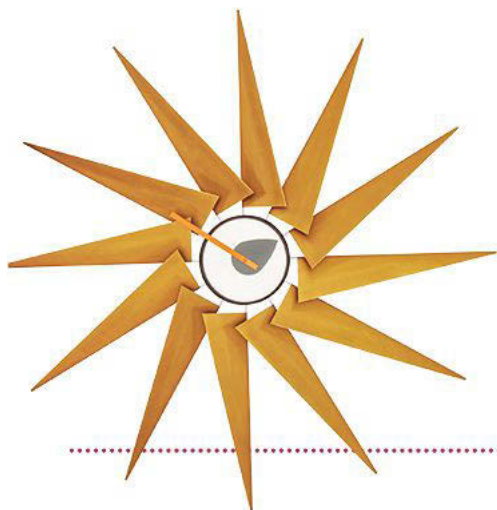


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We pulled together some dynamic duos with drastically different price tags.



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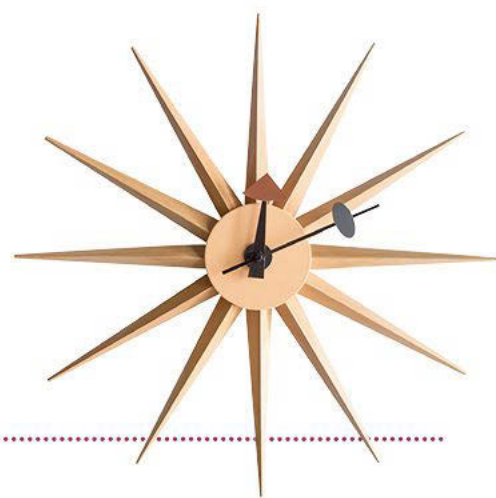
Designed in 1957, this brass clock is a mid-century gem.

Nelson Turbine 30 1/4"-diameter clock, dwr.com

\$79

A smaller wood version with the same spiky shape.

Sol Sunburst 19 3/4"-diameter clock in natural, dotandbo.com



\$563

There's a golden ribbon-trimmed silk shade on this curvy lamp.

Jamie Young Stockholm 28 3/4"-tall glass and brass lamp in emerald green with shade, lampsplus.com



\$208

The shade is sold separately, but together they're still less than half the price.

Cecile 26"-tall glass and iron lamp base in green, and shade in ivory, both potterybarn.com



\$789

Bare feet will love this hand-tufted wool rug.

Surya Banshee #BAN-3349 5' x 8' rug, rugstudio.com



\$309

A fancy ikat pattern in family-friendly polyester.

Ikat 5' x 8' rug in dragon fruit, nuloom.com





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**\$1,095**

The gold-leafed lining and the metallic rod are luxe details.

Bianco 20"H x 24"-diameter metal chandelier, [mgbwhome.com](http://mgbwhome.com)



**\$269**

A paper shade and a chain suspension lower the price.

Oversized Cone 22"H x 24"-diameter pendant in gloss white with gold lining, [shadesoflight.com](http://shadesoflight.com)



**\$200**

You'll find a feather insert inside this hand-embroidered pick.

Level 18" x 18" wool pillow in navy, claret, and curry, [judyrosstextiles.com](http://judyrosstextiles.com)

**\$40**

The insert's not as plush, but this pillow is 2 inches larger.

Surya Harvey #HV-005 20" x 20" cotton pillow, [zincdoor.com](http://zincdoor.com)



**\$262**

Ample space to hold a chairside drink and a book.

Arrows 20"H x 20"-diameter glass and iron table, [scenariohome.com](http://scenariohome.com)



**\$133**

The surface may be narrower, but it's marble.

Imax Arrow 30"H x 13¾"-diameter marble and iron table, [bellacor.com](http://bellacor.com)



**\$1,998**

Hundreds of nailheads make a pretty pattern on this linen-wrapped dresser.

Nailhead 51"W x 22"D x 43"H linen-covered wooden and marble dresser in teal, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)

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A decorative wood front offers a similar flourish at a friendly cost.

Coast to Coast Imports 40½"W x 14"D x 34"H MDF dresser, [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)





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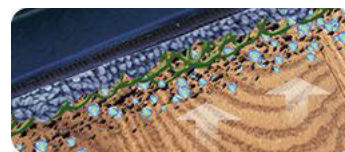
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Channing 54"W x 24"D x 30½"H wood and nickel desk in white, jonathanadler.com



\$599

Skip the fancy hardware and shave a digit off the ticket.

Alexa 47"W x 24"D x 30"H lacquered wood and metal desk, highfashionhome.com

\$180

This pretty wallpaper is available in nine colors.

Willow Lane Textiles Amelia wallpaper in navy (sold individually; price is for 3 12'-long single rolls), spoonflower.com



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A similar floral from top British designer Kelly Hoppen.

Kelly Hoppen Botanic wallpaper in Prussian blue (sold individually; price is for a 33'-long single roll), grahambrown.com



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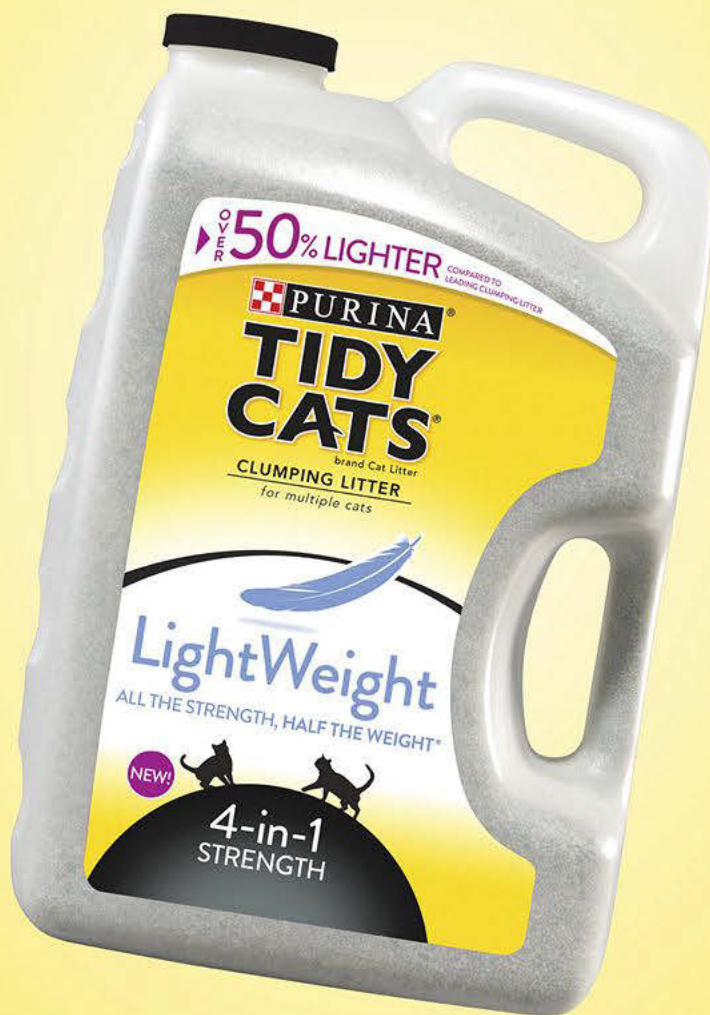
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## anita's casa



“With so many **poufs and pillows** to choose from, you’re bound to find one that works with your decor. But she also does custom jobs, like a square pouf with a contrasting welt.”

—Leslie Corona, editorial assistant

13"H x 18"-diameter cotton pouf in yellow trellis, \$95, [anitascasa.etsy.com](http://anitascasa.etsy.com)

## hook & knob



Zig-Zag 1¾"-diameter ceramic knob, \$5, [hookandknob.etsy.com](http://hookandknob.etsy.com)

“My go-to for—you guessed it!—**hooks and knobs** is this aptly named spot. The wide selection is typically updated biweekly and includes metal, ceramic, and hard-to-find colored mercury glass.”

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## design atelier article



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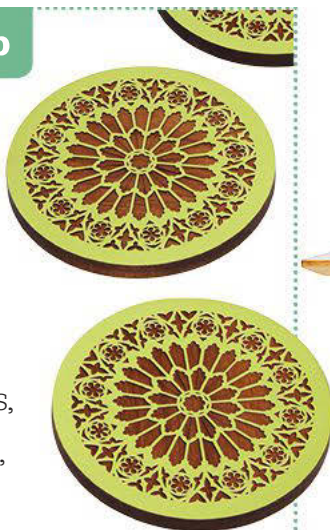
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Geometric wood coasters in sage green, \$38 for a set of 5, [luccaworkshop.etsy.com](http://luccaworkshop.etsy.com)

“Browse here for gorgeous **laser-cut wood**. I love the intricate pattern on these coasters, but I’m also a fan of their glass jars with wood lids.”

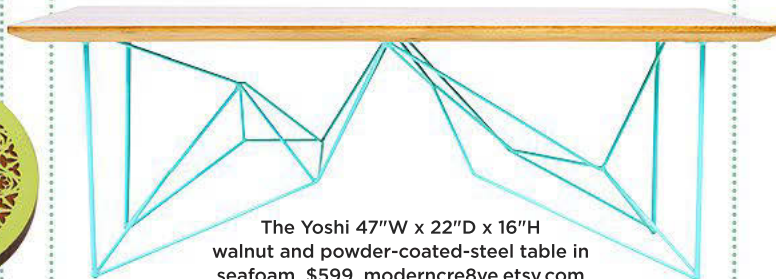
—Hilary Farr, *Love It or List It*



## modern cre8ve

“At this Ohio workshop, **metal and wood furniture**, like this walnut coffee table with teal powder-coated-steel legs, is hand-built from locally sourced lumber.”

—Ridge Carpenter, art director



The Yoshi 47"W x 22"D x 16"H walnut and powder-coated-steel table in seafoam, \$599, [moderncre8ve.etsy.com](http://moderncre8ve.etsy.com)



## sergeant sailor



“If you’re styling shelves, this treasure trove of **vintage finds**, like brass objects and glass figurines, should be your first stop.”

—Sabrina Soto, HGTV designer



Vintage candlestick sets, from \$28, [sergeantsailor.etsy.com](http://sergeantsailor.etsy.com)

## for the host



“The gift-friendly offerings here include painted **cutting boards and kitchen utensils**. So chic, you’ll want to scoop up a set—or two—for yourself.”

—Jaimie Dalessio Clayton, senior associate editor

6" x 12" wood cutting board and utensil set in mint green, \$50, [forthehost.etsy.com](http://forthehost.etsy.com)

## the white shanty



“Buying a **rolling barn door** doesn’t get any easier: Just pick the size, the paint color, and the hardware. And they even offer live phone support if you’re struggling with the install.”

—Matt Blashaw, *Ellen's Design Challenge*



Rustic Sliding 84" x 36" wood door in pistachio green, \$650, and steel hardware, \$239, both [thewhiteshanty.etsy.com](http://thewhiteshanty.etsy.com)

## erin flett

“Everything this well-known textile designer makes—**throws, candles, pillows, totes**—is graphic, colorful, and printed by hand in her Maine studio.”

—Jodi Kahn, lifestyle editor

Modern Deco Daisy 60" x 50" cotton-blend throw in fuchsia and burnt mango, \$175, [erinflett.etsy.com](http://erinflett.etsy.com)



## ava berry lane



“This shop owner is a master at transforming **reclaimed wood** into great monogrammed art.”

—John Colaneri, *America's Most Desperate Kitchens*

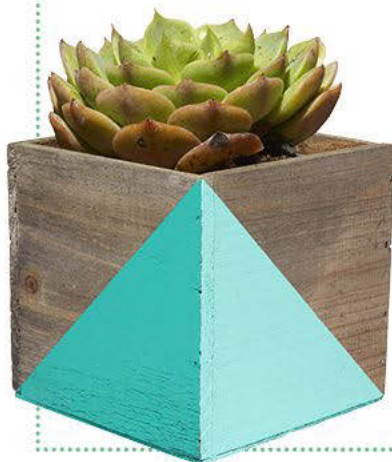


Customizable Monogram 24"-diameter wood round, \$155, [avaberrylane.etsy.com](http://avaberrylane.etsy.com)



## fun decorating

### two trees botanicals



“Buy a **planter** or a **terrarium** from this one-stop shop and it comes with a perfectly sized succulent or air plant.”

—Lindsay Dawson, art/photo assistant

Geometric 4" x 4" wood planter in blue mist and sea glass, \$20 (includes succulent), [twotreesbotanicals.etsy.com](http://twotreesbotanicals.etsy.com)

### the modern historic



“When I need **vintage Palm Beach style**, I beeline straight here. Its secondhand finds include gems like this mod ceramic lamp and Naugahyde lounge chairs.”

—Meg Caswell, HGTV designer



Vintage lamps, from \$175, [themodernhistoric.etsy.com](http://themodernhistoric.etsy.com)

### pop o' color

Multicolor Ikat Squares 20" x 20" cotton pillow cover, \$45, and insert, \$20, both [popocolor.etsy.com](http://popocolor.etsy.com)



“It's like having a seamstress on speed dial! Every **pillow** is handmade, and there are hundreds of fabrics to choose from.”

—Tiffany Brooks, *HGTV Smart Home 2016*

### ruby's lounge

Feather 18"W x 14"D x 18"H paper and resin deer head, \$335, [rubyslounge.etsy.com](http://rubyslounge.etsy.com)

“Covered in patterned paper, the **animal heads** stocked at this faux-taxidermy boutique put a fun spin on a popular accessory.”

—Laurel Benedum, editorial assistant



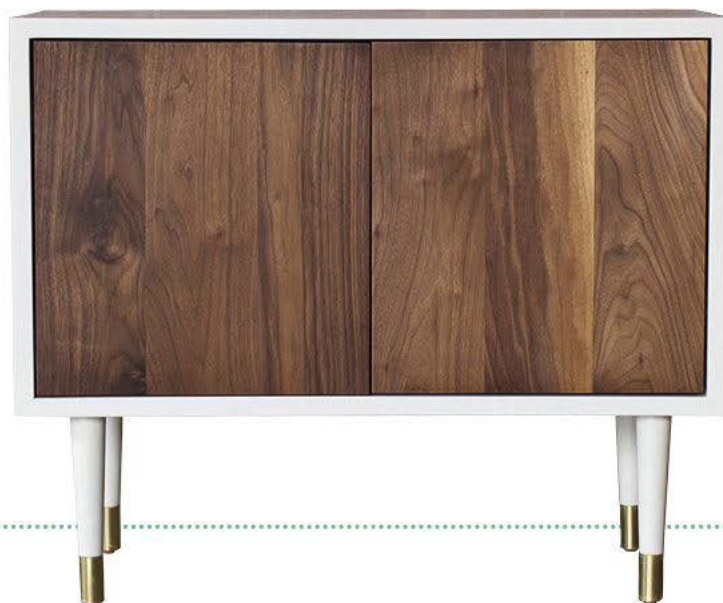
### croft house



36"W x 18"D x 30"H MDF, walnut, and brass cabinet, \$1,750, [crofthouse.etsy.com](http://crofthouse.etsy.com)

“Known for their **reclaimed-wood furniture**, this store produces each piece to order, by hand. I guarantee you'll swoon over the heirloom-quality consoles, dressers, desks, and more.”

—Jonathan Scott, *Property Brothers*







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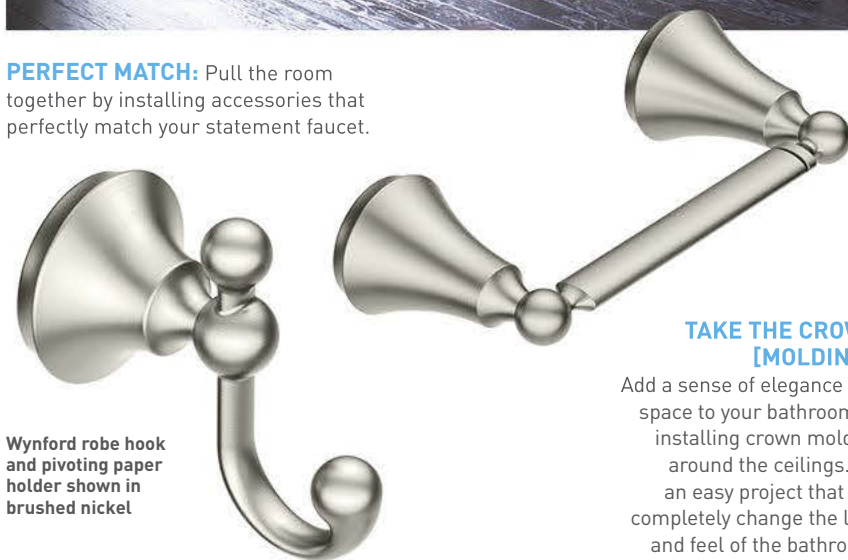
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# kitchen style

Vern Yip in his recently remodeled kitchen in Atlanta, GA

a new kitchen

# vern's way

See how the HGTV designer cooked up a one-of-a-kind space.

GROOMING: JENNIFER DENISE



## kitchen style

**a**s an HGTV designer with decades of experience, Vern Yip knows when a room works and when it falls short. The old kitchen in his Atlanta, GA, home? “It just didn’t cut it,” says Vern. With its choppy layout, limited storage, and crammed together appliances, it was in need of some serious love. So Vern set out on a renovation to create a space where he and his partner, Craig Koch, could prep meals and do dishes but still hang out with their kids, Gavin, 6, and Vera, 5. By combining a little-used seating area with the existing kitchen, he doubled the square footage. But that’s not the only way he went big. “I used lots of really strong, unique graphics,” Vern says, of the zebra-print tablecloths, the subway tiles with beveled edges, and the bold black-and-white stripes on the walls. The result is a family-friendly space with a look all its own. “I don’t think you’ll see another kitchen like it,” says Vern.

**lighting** Eight crystal eggs fitted with LED bulbs from Vern’s new collection with Stonegate Designs deliver plenty of task lighting. Their subtle look doesn’t compete with the room’s patterns.

**island** At 9 feet long, the island is the kitchen’s natural gathering spot. Built by Omega Cabinetry, it features deep drawers and a Cambria quartz top that resembles marble but is impervious to spills—and Gavin and Vera’s art supplies. The brushed-aluminum stools are from Design Within Reach.





### window treatments

Accented with mini valances, the Roman shades—made from chinoiserie-pattern fabric from Vern's line for Trend—dress up the French doors that open out to the backyard.

**striped walls** “Because I combined two rooms, I needed a graphic visual that could link them,” says Vern. His solution: 8-inch-tall painted bands of black and white that span most of the walls. “They help everything flow together,” he says.



**ceiling** In the South, you often see light blue paint on porch ceilings. Here, Vern used the shade in the kitchen to keep the black-and-white color scheme from feeling too stark.

**pendant** An instant eye-catcher, the giant drum shade from Stonegate Designs features fabric from Vern's Trend line. The stripes mimic those on the walls. "It was so cool to see how they all work in sync," he says.

**table and chairs** It may not have a fancy pedigree, but the Crate & Barrel breakfast table holds a lot of sentimental value: It's the first thing Vern bought for his mom with his first real paycheck. Knoll Brno leather chairs give it a modern edge.



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# now get Vern's look

## black stripes

Black Magic by  
Sherwin-Williams

## white stripes

Alabaster by  
Sherwin-Williams

## ceiling

Open Air by  
Sherwin-Williams



## faucet

90° Single-Handle  
High Arc metal  
faucet in Spot Resist  
stainless finish,  
\$485, moen.com  
for stores



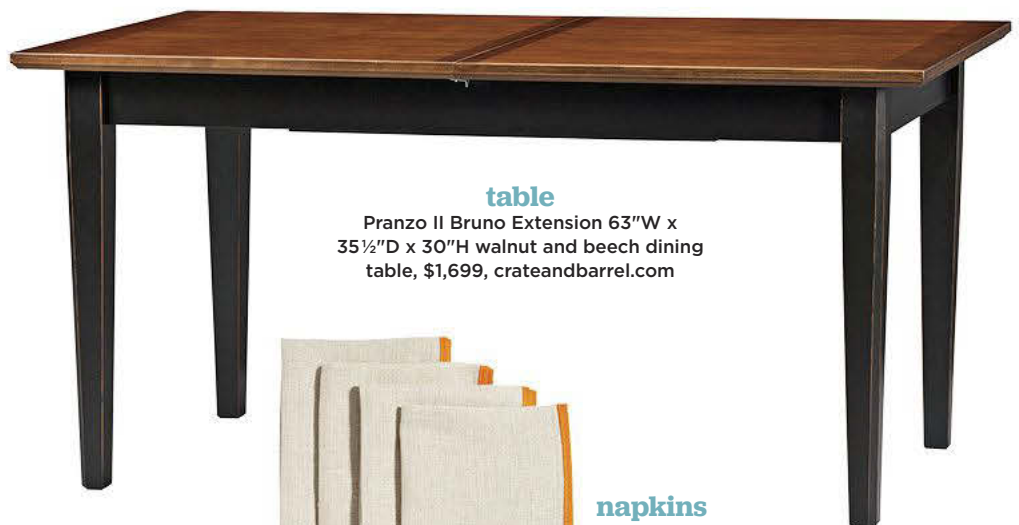
## pendant

Deck Stripe Shade 16"-diameter  
polyester and styrene light in black and  
white, \$169, shadesoflight.com



## counter stool

Emeco 24"-tall  
aluminum stool  
in brushed finish,  
\$420, dwr.com



## table

Pranzo II Bruno Extension 63"W x  
35½"D x 30"H walnut and beech dining  
table, \$1,699, crateandbarrel.com



## napkins

Typographer's  
linen and grosgrain  
napkins in  
orange, \$59 for a  
monogrammed set  
of 4, markand  
graham.com



## fabric

(from left) Vern Yip 03365 cotton-blend  
fabric in black, and Vern Yip 03364 cotton-  
blend fabric in black, both \$39 per yard,  
trend-fabrics.com for buying info



## bowl

Vern Yip for Boulevard  
10½"-diameter stone bowl, \$24,  
longislandmemories.com



## stool

Cadiz 17"-tall stone and fiberglass  
stool, \$299, frontgate.com



# colorful egg-cessories

Fun finds for cooking, serving, and enjoying the tasty breakfast (and lunch and dinner) treat.



## egg cups

Set the table with pretty perches for soft-boiled eggs.

Stoneware egg cups, \$10 each, [lecreuset.com](http://lecreuset.com)



## salt and pepper shakers

Crack up the family with this whimsical duo.

Cracked Egg Halves ceramic salt and pepper shaker set, \$9, [retroplanet.com](http://retroplanet.com)



## countertop cooker

This tiny gizmo can hard-boil half a dozen eggs in 12 minutes.

Dash Rapid egg cooker, \$30, [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)



## egg tray

A party-ready platter for a dozen deviled delights.

Fiesta 11"-diameter china egg plate in scarlet, \$36, [macys.com](http://macys.com)







### poachers

Lower an egg-filled “flower” into a pot of boiling water for an easy, contained way to poach.

Silicone egg poachers, \$8 for a mixed set of 2, [siliconezoneusa.com](http://siliconezoneusa.com)



### clock

Because there's always time for eggs.

Annika Thorn Eggs Eggs Eggs 10"-diameter wood clock in natural, \$30, [society6.com](http://society6.com)



### omelet maker

Cooks two omelets in 10 minutes—no flipping required.

Holstein Housewares omelet maker in orange, \$29.50, [overstock.com](http://overstock.com)



### slicer

Slice, wedge, or halve with this 3-in-1 tool.

Prepworks by Progressive plastic egg slicer, \$10, [bedbathandbeyond.com](http://bedbathandbeyond.com)



### prep bowls

Three spouted bowls plus a handy egg separator.

Joseph Joseph polypropylene and stainless steel nesting bowls, \$35 for a mixed set of 3, [uncommongoods.com](http://uncommongoods.com)



### egg mold

Make breakfast a hoot with yolks for the eyes and whites for the body.

Funny Side Up Owl 5¼" x 5" silicone egg mold, \$10, [fredandfriends.com](http://fredandfriends.com)





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# house tours

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## house tours



Katy and Ken  
with Reed, 4,  
and Brayden, 2

**f**or more than a decade, as they lived in rentals in New York and California, Katy and Ken Byers were squirreling away design ideas for their future forever home. So when they relocated to Nashville, TN, in 2013 and snapped up a new-construction Craftsman-style bungalow, they knew exactly how they wanted to modify it. "After being nomadic for years, we were excited to own a home and finally make it ours," says Katy. The couple, free of the decor restraints imposed by landlords, started customizing almost every inch of the 3,100-square-foot space. Working closely with the builders over a nine-month stretch, they added character-rich details, like exposed-brick walls and stainless steel kitchen countertops, to create a rustic-modern style. Salvaged and industrial materials, one-of-a-kind accessories the pair made themselves, and timeworn hand-me-downs from Katy's dairy-farmer grandparents also help give the interior a lived-in look. "Our goal was to make a house that is super comfortable, reflects what we love in life, and inspires us," says Katy. "I think we pulled it off!"



1

The sleek concrete fireplace, topped with a weathered 6-inch **slab of reclaimed wood** from a lumber mill in Athens, GA, is a mash-up of contemporary and country.



**wall color**  
Zircon by  
Sherwin-Williams

2

Matching sets of **French doors** flood the living room with light and offer big views of the backyard.

3

The home's **hardwood floors** gained a sophisticated look from a dark espresso stain. The charcoal tweed sectional is from West Elm, and the leather chair is vintage.





4

The art in the living room includes a **grain sifter** used by Katy's grandparents and an Ork Posters print of Brooklyn, where Ken lived for three years.

5

With help from mid-century-style **hairpin legs** bought on Etsy, a plank of rugged wood was transformed into a console.



## wall color

Peppercorn by  
Sherwin-Williams

6

After DIYing **shelves out of secondhand wood**, the couple installed them at staggered heights so there would be enough space to display the 30-inch-by-40-inch print from [minted.com](http://minted.com).

7

For simple no-sew curtains, Katy attached **canvas drop cloths** to a curtain rod with drapery clip rings.

8

A set of four minimalist chairs found on [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org) contrast with the distressed lumber of the **homemade dining table**, which Katy's sister built out of oak and pine.





## house tours

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The rough-textured **brick wall** looks solid, but it was actually made with ½-inch-thick veneers sliced off full-size bricks.

10

With chunky 6-inch-wide legs and a **butcher-block top**, the 8-foot-long custom prep table delivers lots of personality. The metal counter stools are from Target.



11

They're not a typical choice, but the restaurant-style **stainless steel counters** "are tough," says Katy. "They handle pans straight from the oven."

12

The room's opening is framed by **repurposed wood planks**, which mimic the appearance of solid beams but cost a fraction of the price.





14

A doorframe-draped flower garland—whipped up by Katy from fabric circles and twine—echoes the hues of the **hand-braided cotton rug** from Nuloom that's "soft on toes," she says.

13

Katy's solution for adding oomph to particleboard shelves in Brayden's nursery: spray-painting large-scale **metal brackets** neon yellow (Fluorescent Yellow by Rust-Oleum).

“Neutral white walls and a simple white crib let me go wild with the accent colors.”

—Katy





15

The bottom level of the IKEA **loft bed** is Reed's favorite fort-building spot. The bookshelves are made from IKEA spice racks.





16

The couple personalized the master bath with **black slate floor tiles** that continue up and around the tub, Capital Lighting sconces, and a Carrara marble vanity top.



17

Katy fell hard for the **Victorian chair** at a Manhattan flea market around 10 years ago. "I was smitten with the orange velvet and the tufting," she says.





A bedroom with dark blue walls. A wooden bed with a headboard is covered with a white sheet and a blue patterned blanket. Several patterned pillows are on the bed. To the left of the bed is a wooden nightstand with a lamp, a vase of white flowers, and a framed picture. To the right is a three-tiered wooden side table with books and a lamp. A window with a white frame is on the left wall, and a piece of abstract art is on the right wall.

### wall color

Rainstorm by  
Sherwin-Williams

18

For a cocooning, go-to-sleep feel, Katy painted a wall in the master bedroom soothing **night sky blue**.

19

The simple West Elm bed helps everything in the room seem cohesive, from the mini CB2 desk to the antique wool rug. The **tiered side table** was a castoff they found in a house they once rented.



# now get the look

## art

*Warm Day* 20" x 20"  
unframed painting, \$398,  
[jagodamodernart.etsy.com](http://jagodamodernart.etsy.com)



## chair

Jericho Mid-Century  
leather, chrome, and  
steel chair in tan, \$280,  
[overstock.com](http://overstock.com)



## pillows

(from top) Loloi 22" x 22"  
cotton pillow in blue and ivory,  
\$59, and Loloi 13" x 21" cotton  
pillow in pink and green, \$59,  
both [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com)



## lamp

Ranarp 17"-tall steel  
lamp, \$40, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com)  
for stores



## bed

Mid-Century eucalyptus wood  
and acacia veneer bed in acorn  
finish, from \$899, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com)







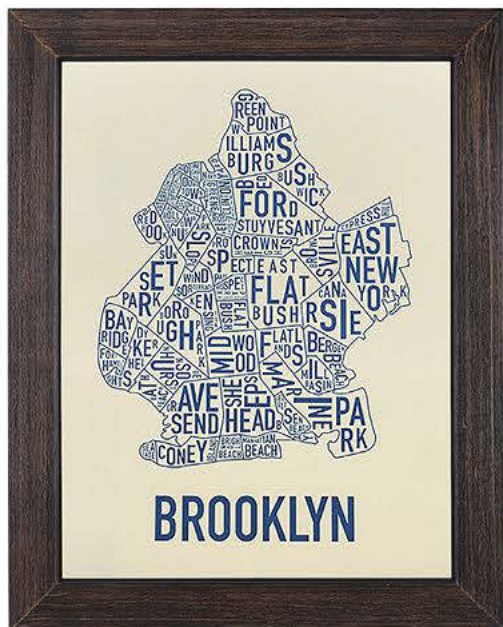
### pendant

Kichler Sayre 44½"H x 10"-diameter metal single-bulb indoor pendant in antique pewter, \$217, build.com



### table

Flynn Hairpin 48"W x 25"D x 30"H acacia, MDF, and veneer desk, \$300, worldmarket.com



### poster

Brooklyn Neighborhood Map 18" x 24" unframed print in tan and navy, \$22, orkposters.com; Studio Décor Home Collection 18" x 24" distressed-wood frame in black merlot, \$63, michaels.com



### vintage rug

Ottoman Kashkoli Sumak 57530 6'11" x 8'6" wool rug, \$359, ecarpetgallery.com



### desk

Manchester Wood Shaker 25"W x 14¾"D x 40¼"H secretary in golden oak finish, \$350, wayfair.com





wall color

Palladian Blue  
by Benjamin Moore

family room

The room's Asian influences began with the flower-and-dragon curtains and the vintage bamboo chair. The sofa and the wingback chairs from CR Laine have nailhead trim that complements the coffee table's brass finish.

**COLOR TRICK** Matching the sofa's blue upholstery to the wall color (Palladian Blue by Benjamin Moore) created a quiet backdrop for all of the room's bold prints.





# color tricks IN EVERY ROOM

There's no color fear here: A North Carolina home bursts with (almost) every shade on the spectrum.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY **DAVID A. LAND** STYLED BY **ELIZABETH DEMOS**





## exterior

Built in 1967, the three-story Georgian-style home is modeled after a historic Delaware residence that dates back to 1774. Shelly kept the brick and black-and-white facade as is, so there's no tip-off to the vibrant color scheme inside.

**a** lifelong fan of gutsy color, Shelly Wilkinson wasn't about to do play-it-safe hues in the Charlotte, NC, home she and her husband, Adam, purchased in 2012. Unafraid to wear turquoise corduroy pants with a neon yellow sweatshirt as a tween or to paint her living room purple when she was a newlywed, Shelly had zero anxiety about featuring high-octane colors in every room. To make sure the competing colors wouldn't clash, she worked with interior designer Lance Jackson of Parker Kennedy Living to map out a harmonious palette. The result is part preppy, part Palm Beach, with plenty of bold patterns, including florals, geometrics, and chinoiserie. Even though the home is cohesive instead of chaotic, the kaleidoscopic interiors can shock first-time visitors—"Their jaws hit the floor," says Shelly—but she's thrilled with the results. "Color makes it a fun, happy home. What could be better?"



Shelly and Adam with (from left) daughters Sydney, 14, and Fleming, 16





**wall color**  
Poolside Blue  
by Benjamin Moore

## dining room

The walls take their color cue from the oil painting above the buffet. The antique chairs were updated with wipe-clean Sunbrella fabric in a graphic print.

**COLOR TRICK** A pair of vintage plaster pagoda lamps painted high-gloss fuchsia (Peony by Benjamin Moore) ties the pink in the leopard-print Stark rug to the rest of the room.





## foyer

Walking into the house is a wow moment, thanks to the bird-motif wallpaper by Nina Campbell and a velvet-upholstered antique chair with a peacock-feather print. **COLOR TRICK** Shades of chartreuse, aqua, lilac, and raspberry—all pulled from the wallpaper—repeat from room to room and give the house continuity. “I needed a starting point, and the wallpaper kicked everything off,” says Shelly.



The image shows a bright, renovated office space. The walls are painted a vibrant green, with a matching green door and built-in bookshelves. A large, ornate crystal chandelier hangs from the ceiling. A wooden desk with a curved front holds a laptop, a vase of white flowers, and other office supplies. A modern, clear plastic office chair sits on a large, patterned rug. The room is filled with natural light from a window with patterned curtains. The overall aesthetic is a mix of classic and modern elements.

## office

Pre-reno, dark walnut paneling on the walls made this space feel cave-like. Apple green paint, plus the lively pistachio-and-cream Quadrille wallpaper behind the shelves, brightened everything up. **COLOR TRICK** It might horrify some homeowners, but painting woodwork—including the trim, the bookcase, and the door—can transform a gloomy room.

### wall color

Huntington Green by  
Benjamin Moore



## house tours

### pantry

A nothing-special wet bar became a luxe cocktail station when Shelly added a Carrara marble countertop and painted the existing cabinets dazzling cobalt (Evening Blue by Benjamin Moore).

**COLOR TRICK** Painting the inside of the top cabinets and replacing the solid door panels with intricate wire mesh ones show off the stemware.



### kitchen

The reno'ed kitchen includes a curved Carrara marble island top, matching counters, and Crate & Barrel stools in oyster leather.

**COLOR TRICK** An all-white palette offers a breather from the rest of the home.



## breakfast room

White faux-bamboo chairs from CR Laine tone down the formality of the oval mahogany table. The curtains are made from Schumacher fabric, and the tomato red chandelier is by Worlds Away.

**COLOR TRICK** The royal blue Lulu DK fabric on the chair cushions is a callout to the color on the nearby pantry cabinets.





## fleming's bedroom

Fleming's bed stretches 72 inches high and is upholstered and skirted in a dotty fabric from Lewis & Sheron Textiles. Translucent silver shades top the Barbara Cosgrove chandelier and bedside lamps.

**COLOR TRICK** Solid Duralee cotton drapes and Euro shams pick up just one color (deep pink) from the headboard and the bed skirt.





## sydney's bedroom

In Sydney's glam-girl bedroom, a traditional tufted headboard gets posh with amethyst linen. The Lucite-and-sheepskin stools are from Jonathan Adler. **COLOR TRICK** Even lighting can add color. The Stray Dog Designs chandelier introduces chartreuse into the room. The hue also appears in the bed skirt and the curtains.





## homework station

This studying spot includes a vintage campaign desk, a chair redone in a sassy blue leopard print, and a pinboard covered in chartreuse polyester.

**COLOR TRICK** The desk and the small cabinet were bought separately, but painted ice blue (Tropicana Cabana by Benjamin Moore), they look like a set.





## guest bedroom

At the ready for sleepovers, the teen-friendly third floor has a Younger Furniture sectional that's easy to reconfigure, plus tons of patterned pillows and throws.

**COLOR TRICK** To balance the intense tangerine of the modular sofa, Shelly painted the twin beds an equally daring shade (Vine Green by Benjamin Moore).



## bathroom

A white vanity topped with snowy Carrara marble lets the supersized poppies on the Osborne & Little wallpaper take center stage.

**COLOR TRICK** A big pattern can be surprisingly easy to live with, especially when one of the colors in the design is a neutral, like slate gray.





# now get the look



## fabric

El Greco acrylic fabric  
by Sunbrella in avocado,  
\$39 per yard,  
[outdoorfabriccentral.com](http://outdoorfabriccentral.com)



## coffee table

Trumma 12"H x 45"-diameter  
wood and metal coffee table, \$898,  
[anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)



## chair

Macau rattan, mahogany,  
and cotton chair in white,  
\$279, [ballarddesigns.com](http://ballarddesigns.com)



## chandelier

Bamboo Tower 31"H x 24"-diameter metal  
and iron 6-light chandelier in red, \$495, and  
5"-diameter grass cloth chandelier shades,  
\$29 each, both [shadesoflight.com](http://shadesoflight.com)

## tray

12" x 12" white rim lacquered wood  
tray in orange, \$34, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com)



## rug

Dash & Albert leopard  
print 5' x 8' wool rug,  
\$589, [furbishstudio.com](http://furbishstudio.com)



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Palladian Blue by  
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### wallpaper

Nina Campbell Paradiso wallpaper  
by Osborne & Little in O3, \$210  
for a single roll, [decorativebuying  
service.com](http://decorativebuying<br/>service.com) for buying info



### lamp

Anya 32 1/4"-tall metal and  
glass lamp in beetroot  
purple with double  
sheer silver shade, \$180,  
[lampsplus.com](http://lampsplus.com)



### sofa

Safavieh Marlowe 89"-wide linen-blend  
sofa in blue, \$1,350, [allmodern.com](http://allmodern.com)



### desk

Campaign 40 1/4"W x 22 1/4"D x  
30 1/4"H wood desk in cobalt,  
\$399, [landofnod.com](http://landofnod.com)



### pillows

(from left) Adras Ikat Chevron 18" x 18" cotton pillow  
cover, \$85, [popocolor.etsy.com](http://popocolor.etsy.com); Schumacher Chiang Mai  
Dragon 18" x 18" linen pillow cover, \$100, [stuckonhue  
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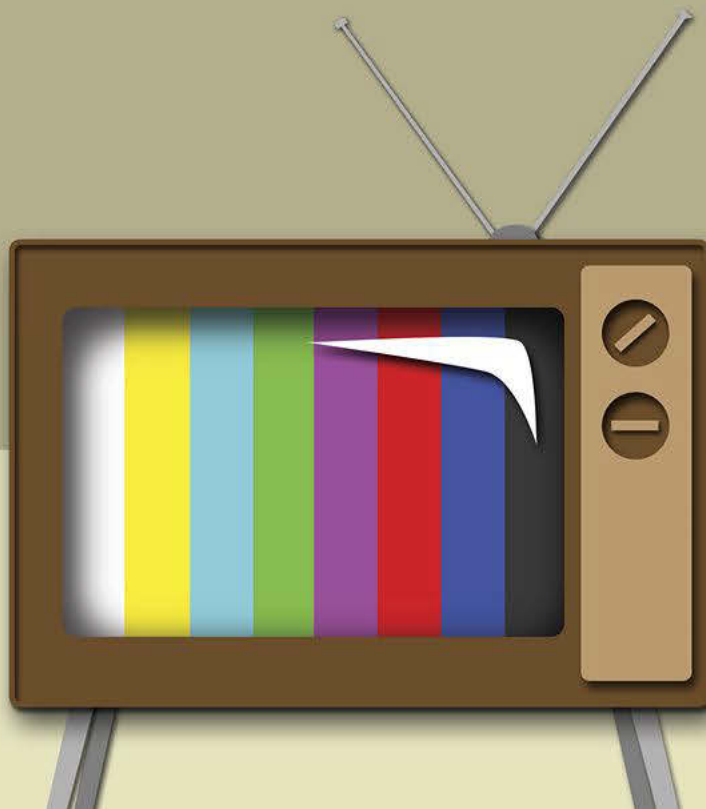
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# real estate spy



St. Louis, Missouri

## copy the curb appeal

These eye-catching houses are loaded  
with inspiring ideas.





### about the house

**BUILT IN:** 1910 **BOUGHT IN:** 2009 **SIZE:** 2,290 sq. ft.

"We bought this gem from someone who had flipped it. It's an old house with an updated exterior, and, combined with its location in a cute, walkable neighborhood, we were sold on the spot."

—Holly and Kory Kunze, homeowners





# ideas to steal

## hydrangea

Planted near the French doors, an Endless Summer hydrangea shrub becomes the yard's star when it blooms in late spring.



## landscaping

After cutting down three dying trees, the Kunzes replaced the existing shade plants with sun lovers, including (clockwise from top) Flower Carpet Rose bushes, red sprite hollies, and green velvet boxwood.

Metropolis metal chairs in red, \$249 for a set of 4, overstock.com



## outdoor seating

A pair of red chairs and a matching table, where Holly likes to drink coffee, add a pop of cheery color to the left side of the house.



## front door and sidelight

Instead of a traditional pair of sidelights, a single one to the left of the glass-panel door gives the entry an asymmetrical look that feels modern.

Smooth-Pro pre-hung fiberglass door with sidelight, from \$733, jeldwen.com for stores; paint: White on White by Glidden

The red bricks in the curved path mirror the brick trim beneath each window.

**3 house number**  
It's a no-brainer to go big when you have a single-digit address. At 22 inches tall, the Kunzes' red numeral is the focal point of their entry.

22"-tall powder-coated-aluminum house number in red, \$153, modernwellnumbers.com

## paint colors

HOUSE:  
Driftwood Grey  
by Glidden

SHUTTERS:  
Deep Onyx  
by Glidden

DOORS AND TRIM:  
White on White  
by Glidden

## bench and pillows

A metal bench outside the front door is a great spot to drop shopping bags. Lime green pillows give it more personality.



Witt Industries 48"-wide powder-coated-steel bench, \$599, twinsupply.com; Jacqueline Milton Vine Shadow 16" x 16" polyester outdoor pillow in lime, \$39, kessinhouse.com





### about the house

**BUILT IN:** 1869 **BOUGHT IN:** 2013 **SIZE:** 3,028 sq. ft.

"This blue beauty has seen a lot! We love its historic Colonial style and the copper portico roof with its blue green patina. We tried to play up the home's simple yet dignified look in the landscaping."

—Kristen and Chris Hite, homeowners





# ideas to steal



## flowerpot

Red begonias and yellow lantanas fill the patterned pot on the walkway, delivering a splash of color.

Two signs to the left of the door speak to the home's age: a century marker awarded by the town and an antique fire-protection plaque.



## shutters

Louvered shutters painted deep blue frame each window, calling attention to their multi-lite design.

Louver vinyl shutters in Bedford blue, from \$23 for a set of 2, [exteriorsolutions.com](http://exteriorsolutions.com)



## planters

A pair of urns filled with dwarf Alberta spruces flank the steps. The evergreens have kept their cone shape for more than a year without any trimming.

Georgian Fluted 19"H x 13½"-diameter resin urn, \$90, [improvementscatalog.com](http://improvementscatalog.com)



## front door

The 12-lite door dates back to the 1950s or '60s, and it's been the same butterscotch shade for about a decade. "It's the only color like it on the block," says Kristen.

MAI Doors A76G walnut door, from \$1,490, [doors4home.com](http://doors4home.com); paint: Coffee Whip by Valspar

## light fixture

The black lamppost, added by previous owners, has an antique look. "When I'm walking home, I love seeing it glow from all the way down the street," says Kristen.

Sea Gull Lighting 1-Light Outdoor Post 17¼"-tall aluminum lantern in forged iron finish, \$79, [target.com](http://target.com)



## paint colors

HOUSE:  
Sharkfin  
by Valspar

SHUTTERS:  
Quarry Pond  
by Valspar

TRIM:  
Wave's Crest  
by Valspar

FRONT DOOR:  
Coffee Whip  
by Valspar



## mailbox

Although their door has a mail slot, the Hites prefer the black wall-mounted holder with its silver plate.

Solar Group Carlton powder-coated-steel mailbox in silver on black, \$37, [truevalue.com](http://truevalue.com)



## doormat

The blue trellis pattern on this coir mat mirrors the shades of blue paint on the house.

Coastal doormat, \$40, [williams-sonoma.com](http://williams-sonoma.com)



### about the house

**BUILT IN:** 1912 **BOUGHT IN:** 2003 **SIZE:** 2,900 sq. ft.

"Our handsome house isn't the biggest on the block, but it makes a statement thanks to its unique-for-the-neighborhood combo of stucco and cedar shakes. We think it feels inviting and cozy."

—Pam and Peter Leritz, homeowners





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## house numbers

A plaque outlined in shiny metal stands out against the painted cedar shakes.

Montague Metal Products Ferris aluminum address sign in navy and gold, \$50, wayfair.com

NACH French Euro steel mailbox in red, \$56, amazon.com



## mailbox

Letters are placed in a metal box marked *poste*. Its crimson hue complements the red brick steps and the stained wood door.

## planters

The urns at the bottom of the steps look like heavy stone but are easy-to-move composite. They're packed with (from top) creeping Jenny, pink verbenas, and crotons.

Kenroy Home Roman 31"-tall resin planter, \$171, homedepot.com



## ideas to steal



## front door

To give the home's original door a personal touch, Peter removed the four wood panels at the bottom and replaced them with glass.

Custom 6-lite, 4-panel Douglas fir door, from \$930, roguevalleydoor.com



## light fixture

An unobtrusive flush-mount ceiling fixture lets the front door and the hanging ferns shine better than a big flashy lantern would.

Capital Lighting Preston 3-light 6"-tall metal outdoor ceiling light in Mediterranean bronze finish, \$119, carolinarustica.com

## paint colors

HOUSE:  
Submarine Gray  
by Behr

HOUSE:  
Off White  
by Behr

TRIM:  
Navajo White  
by Behr

TRIM:  
Dusty Gold  
by Behr

The stacked limestone borders along the flower beds were built decades ago. The hand-laid stones' weathered look adds to the home's sense of history.

## step mats

To prevent slipping and to break up all the red brick, the Leritzes topped each step with a thin rubber mat that has a wrought iron-inspired design.



Imports Unlimited Fleur Di Lis 9" x 30" rubber mat, \$13.50, hayneedle.com



### about the house

**BUILT IN:** 2004 **BOUGHT IN:** 2015 **SIZE:** 3,900 sq. ft.

"We've barely changed anything since moving in last spring. We adore how Southern the porch looks as well as the green front door, which is just the hit of color the house needs."

—Lindsey and Justin Graves, homeowners





## ideas to steal



### light fixtures

The hammered-metal lanterns have a classic look that suits the Colonial-style home.

Berkshire Collection 18"-tall steel outdoor light in antique copper finish, \$95, lampsplus.com

Hosta plants and concrete retaining-wall blocks border the aggregate concrete path.



### house numbers

Mounted to the porch's awning, simple digits stand out.

Gatehouse 5"-tall zinc house numbers in aged bronze finish, \$5 each, lowes.com

### rocking chairs and pillows

White rockers accented with plump orange pillows make the porch feel extra homey.



Essentials 16" x 16" polyester outdoor pillow in tangerine, \$15, dfohome.com



Shine Company Inc. Bruce hardwood rocking chair in white, \$122, jossandmain.com



### front door

Chosen by the previous owners, the lichen green paint is a unique choice, especially paired with a traditional white-and-black color scheme.

Reliabl 6-panel steel primed pre-hung door, from \$168, lowes.com; paint: Independent Gold by Sherwin-Williams



### doormat

A patterned coir mat pulls in the green from the plants and the orange from the pillows to amp up the porch.

Multicolor Stripes doormat, \$36, cocomatsnmore.com



### landscaping

The mostly green yard is made up of (clockwise from top) boxwood—which are trimmed into mounds—yellow daylilies, and hostas.

### paint colors

HOUSE:  
Pure White  
by Sherwin-Williams

SHUTTERS:  
Black of Night  
by Sherwin-Williams

FRONT DOOR:  
Independent Gold  
by Sherwin-Williams



### topiaries

The topiaries outside the door, which came with the house, are artificial and zero maintenance. "That's what I love most about them," says Lindsey.

Cone Ball 3½'-tall artificial fir topiary in tin pot, \$270, ecovara.com





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# in the yard



I change from white to pink.

## not your garden- variety plants

Take a break from your usual blooms, and try these charming, out-of-the-ordinary alternatives.



## in the yard



### flowering stones

No one would fault you for mistaking these petite succulents for a pile of pebbles. Also called lithops, the plant is known for its uniquely marked gray, brown, or rust-color leaves, which **grow in a rounded, pebble-like shape**. Plant it in well-draining soil in a sunny spot (indoors or out), and water sparingly only when it flowers, which is usually in fall.



### sensitive plant

Brush your fingers against or blow on this annual and you'll see how it earned its name. The plant's delicate fernlike **leaves fold inward when touched**, shaken, or moved in any way. Give them about an hour and they'll spring back open. To keep the plant healthy, place it in a sunny area, and water regularly. It grows puffy pink flowers in the summer.



### confederate rose

Despite its name, this flower isn't a rose at all but a hardy hibiscus. Growing as tall as 15 feet, it boasts blooms that **start white but morph to pink** in as little as 12 hours. Although the flowers die after they darken in color, you'll often see them in multiple shades at once, since they start blooming at different times. The flowers have hardly any sun or water preferences and easily grow from seeds.



### 'gingersnap' iris

Take a whiff of this tall, bearded iris and you may not believe your nose. Its **distinctive spicy-sweet fragrance** is more typical of a soda shop than a garden. Known for its rich coloring as much as its signature scent, this perennial features bronze petals with reddish orange highlights. Plant the bulb in a sunny spot in late summer to early fall, and water well. It will bloom the following spring.





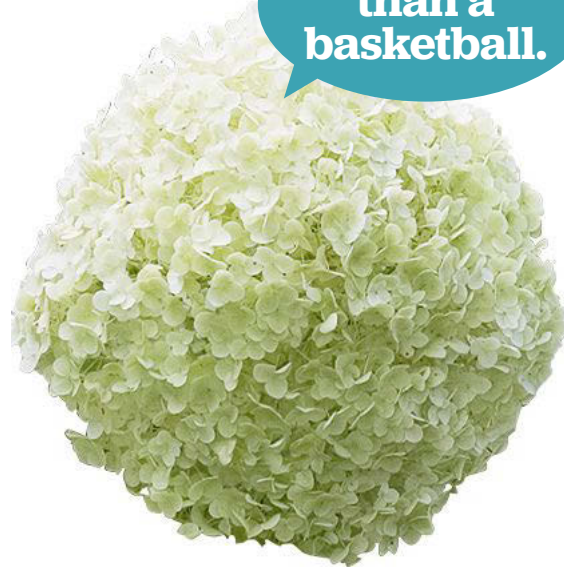
I snack  
on insects.

Please  
don't eat  
me!



### pitcher plant

You've probably heard of the Venus flytrap, but what about the pitcher plant? Made up of purple- and red-tinged leaves curled into tubes, this perennial lures its prey by releasing a sweet nectar that actually **traps and digests bugs**, including flies and ants. Grow it in a pot that gets full sun, keeping it in standing water so the soil stays consistently wet.



I'm bigger  
than a  
basketball.

### smooth hydrangea

With its poufy, globe-shaped blooms, this is not your average hydrangea! In fact, its **flower heads can grow up to 12 inches in diameter**, bigger than any other hydrangea. Expect green blooms that fade to white as the growing season progresses. Cold-hardy and adaptable, it thrives in most locations, but prune it in late winter to keep it lush.



I bloom  
in the  
afternoon.

### four o'clock

Pretty, short-lived blooms—they **open in the late afternoon and die by the morning**—are the signature of this sweet-smelling annual. You can find it in a variety of colors, including magenta, white, yellow, red, and striped versions. Sometimes you'll see several different-color blooms on a single plant. Sow seeds in spring and you'll have flowers from midsummer to the first frost.



I grow  
superfast.

### hops

You don't have to brew beer to appreciate this fast-growing vine, which **can climb one foot a day** before topping out at about 25 feet. Known for its vibrant foliage and yellow-green cones (the key beer ingredient), this perennial does best in sun. Train it over a fence or trellis as a privacy screen—just make sure it's well supported since the vines can become heavy as they mature.



in the yard

# 6 bags



**every yard  
should have**

With help from **Chris Lambton**, host of *Yard Crashers*, we narrowed down the mammoth selection at the garden center to just a few essential helpers.



## 1 weed and feed

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** This combo product helps you fight weeds and feeds your lawn at the same time. Most varieties include herbicides that kill pesky weeds like dandelions mixed with fertilizers to help new grass grow. For an organic option, try a weed and feed made with corn gluten, which prevents weeds from germinating while also adding nitrogen to boost your lawn. Apply the product before weeds emerge in spring, following the bag's instructions.

**CHRIS' PICK:** Scott's Turf Builder weed and feed, \$53 for 43 pounds, [acehardware.com](http://acehardware.com)

## 2 all-purpose fertilizer

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** This is plant food in its most basic form. Mix it into the soil in flower beds to rejuvenate weak plants or get new ones off to a strong start. Look for special blends like a bloom booster that helps plants grow lots of flowers, a mix that promotes root growth, and a high-nitrogen formula for lush leaves. Organic fertilizers are safest, especially for veggie plots, but no matter what kind you get, follow the guidelines on the bag to make sure you use enough.

**CHRIS' PICK:** Espoma Organic Plant-tone, \$38 for 36 pounds, [espoma.com](http://espoma.com) for stores







### 3 topsoil

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** This is the familiar dark stuff under our feet, and, while it's common, it's also the most important building block in landscaping. Typically sold in 40-pound bags, plain topsoil is key for filling holes or leveling out bumps in your lawn. Its combination of minerals and organic content make it the perfect base to get things growing.

**CHRIS' PICK:** Earthgro topsoil, \$1.50 for 40 pounds, [scottsbrands.com](http://scottsbrands.com) for buying info

### 5 compost

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** A bag of compost works like magic to improve your soil's fertility and water-holding capacity. There are several types, but the most common are super-potent cow manure and mellower blends made from seaweed and mushrooms. All act as a good mid-season pick-me-up for flowers and veggies. Apply an inch or two of compost to the surface of existing beds or add some mixed with topsoil in a hole before adding a new plant.

**CHRIS' PICK:** Vermont Compost Company Container Booster Mix, \$10 for 6 quarts, [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)



### 4 garden soil

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** A 50-50 mix of quality topsoil and compost, garden soil is a must if you're setting up a new flower bed or a vegetable plot. Just spread a four-inch-thick layer over the existing soil before planting. You can also use garden soil to pep up established plants that look scraggly. Buy a bag with fertilizer already mixed in and you won't need to worry about feeding your plants for the first few months.

**CHRIS' PICK:** Miracle-Gro Flower and Vegetable garden soil, \$8 for 2 cubic feet, [lowes.com](http://lowes.com)

### 6 mulch

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** Usually composed of wood nuggets or shredded bark from pine, hemlock, spruce, or cedar trees, mulch goes a long way toward limiting weeds, conserving soil moisture, and adding a finishing touch to landscaped areas. Keep a bag on hand that matches the mulch already in your yard so you can use it anytime you plant something new. To apply it, spread a three-inch layer around a plant's roots, making sure to keep the mulch a few inches away from the plant's stem.

**CHRIS' PICK:** Gardenscape dark brown pine bark mulch, from \$4.50 for 2 cubic feet, [lowes.com](http://lowes.com)





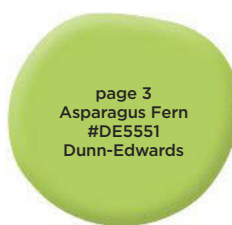
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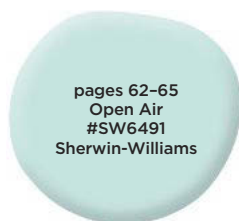
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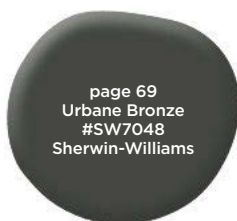
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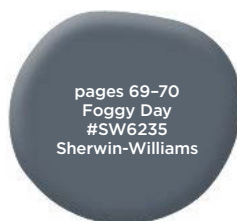
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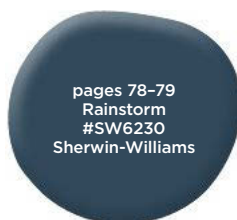
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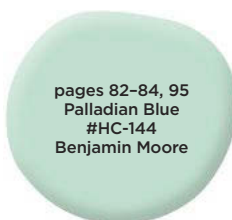
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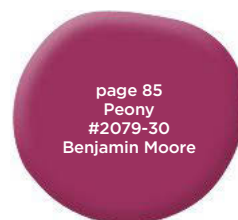
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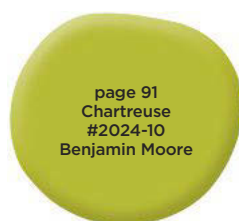
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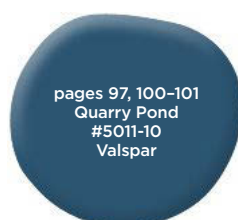
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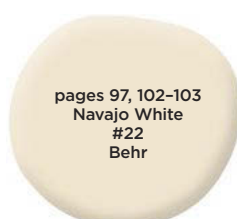
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**WALLPAPER** Tanzania wallpaper in yellow, [thibautdesign.com](http://thibautdesign.com) for stores. **SOFETTE** 1006-02 55"-wide love seat in maple finish, [leeindustries.com](http://leeindustries.com) for buying info. **SOFETTE FABRIC** 32576 linen fabric in blossom, [durallee.com](http://durallee.com), [decorativebuyingservice.com](http://decorativebuyingservice.com) for buying info. **PILLOWS** (from left) Spot Cheetah 22" x 22" cotton and linen pillow in multi, \$228, [emilymccarthy.com](http://emilymccarthy.com); Archive New York Antigua 12" x 20" cotton pillow in aqua, \$149, [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com); Milan 18" x 18" cotton pillow, \$96, [frogghilldesigns.net](http://frogghilldesigns.net). **TABLE** Vittsjö 17¾"H x 29½"-diameter steel and particleboard coffee table in white, \$50, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com). **SPRAY PAINT** Gold #1910830 by Rust-Oleum Specialty Metallic. **CONTACT PAPER** Marble contact paper, \$8 for a 39" x 17¾" sheet, [darbysmart.com](http://darbysmart.com). **RUG** Artistic Weavers Missy 7'6" x 9'6" wool rug in gold, \$374, [overstock.com](http://overstock.com). **BASKET AND TABLETOP ITEMS** props, unavailable.

### editor's page

**page 8 WALLPAPER** Tropicali Afternoon by Domestic wallpaper, \$60 for a single roll, [spoonflower.com](http://spoonflower.com). **CHAIR** Audin cotton chair in jet dotscape, \$550, [worldmarket.com](http://worldmarket.com). **PILLOWS** (on chair, from top) Dot 18" x 18" cotton pillow in picnic green, \$50, [katespade.com](http://katespade.com); Archive New York Antigua 12" x 20" cotton pillow in black, \$132, [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com); Lava Lamp 20" x 20" cotton and polyester pillow in green, \$40, [pillowdecor.com](http://pillowdecor.com); Peking Handicraft Trina Turk Merced 20" x 20" cotton-blend pillow in green, \$123.50, [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com). (in Sara's hand) Ogee 18" x 18" cotton and chenille pillow in dark taupe, \$90, [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com). **RUG** Montauk MTK712D 6' x 9' cotton rug, \$216, [safaviehhome.com](http://safaviehhome.com). **DRESS** Karen Millen.

### time to DIY

**Would You Let This Ottoman in Your House?** **pages 49-50 MIRROR** Lesina Sunburst 37"-diameter iron and engineered wood mirror, \$149, [pier1.com](http://pier1.com). **SOFA** Dune 88"-wide chenille sofa in Driscoll Marble, \$3,099, [arhaus.com](http://arhaus.com). **PILLOWS** (from left) Southwest 18" x 18" cotton canvas pillow in peach, \$44, and Red Fancy Fish 18" x 18" cotton canvas pillow in coral, \$44, both [minted.com](http://minted.com); Coral Flowers 12" x 24" cotton-blend pillow, \$89, [craneandcanopy.com](http://craneandcanopy.com); Positive Negative Bows 18" x 18" cotton canvas pillow in coral, \$44, [minted.com](http://minted.com); Surina 18" x 18" cotton pillow in coral, \$148, [pineconehill.com](http://pineconehill.com). **RUG** Emerson 5' x 8' wool rug in stone, \$559, [nuloom.com](http://nuloom.com). **TRAY** Taye 15¾" x 15¾" wood trays in gray veneer finish, \$192.50 for a mixed set of 2,

[luluandgeorgia.com](http://luluandgeorgia.com). **WALL PAINT** Club Navy #RL1946 by Ralph Lauren Paint.

### kitchen style

**A New Kitchen, Vern's Way, pages 61-65**

**TILES** Ceramic Technics. **ISLAND** Omega Cabinetry. **STOOLS** Emeco 24"-tall aluminum stools in brushed finish, [dwr.com](http://dwr.com). **PENDANTS** stonegatedesigns.com. **FABRICS** (runner) Vern Yip 03365 cotton-blend fabric in black, (trim) Vern Yip 03322 beaded trim in pewter, (drapes) Vern Yip 03364 cotton-blend fabric in black, and (on drum shades) Vern Yip 03356 cotton-blend fabric in black stripes, all [trend-fabrics.com](http://trend-fabrics.com) for buying info. **DRUM SHADE** stonegatedesigns.com. **TABLE** Pranzo II Bruno Extension 63"W x 35½"D x 30"H walnut and beech dining table, [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com). **CHAIRS** Brno chairs, [knoll.com](http://knoll.com).

### house tours

**19 Ways to Add Character to Your House, pages 69-81 Living Room:** **SOFA** West Elm.

**PILLOWS** (striped) Loloi Dhurri pillow in rust/multi, (lumbar) Leah Singh Anika pillow in beige, and (chevron) Loloi Dhurri pillow in coral/grey, all [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com). **RUG** West Elm. **CONSOLE** custom. **ART** Brooklyn Neighborhood Map unframed print in tan and navy, [orkposters.com](http://orkposters.com). **Dining Room:** **LIGHT FIXTURE** Rectangular metal pendant in bronze finish with shade, [restorationhardware.com](http://restorationhardware.com). **ART** minted.com. **RUG** Hand-Woven Ottoman Kashkoli Sumak 57530 6'11" x 8'6" wool rug, [ecarpetgallery.com](http://ecarpetgallery.com). **Kitchen:** **LIGHT FIXTURE** Sayre Collection 1-light metal pendant in antique pewter, [kichler.com](http://kichler.com). **STOOLS** Carlisle metal counter stools in natural, [target.com](http://target.com).

**Brayden's Bedroom:** **CRIB** Walmart. **MOBILE** custom. **RUG** Hand-Braided Maynard 6' x 6' cotton rug, [nuloom.com](http://nuloom.com). **Reed's Bedroom:** **BUNK BEDS** Kura, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com). **PILLOWS** (yellow) Anthropologie. (whale) PHI Whale Hook pillow, (triangle pattern) Candelabra Home Wind Farm pillow in pink, (red stripe) Candelabra Home Rugby Stripe pillow in red, (herringbone) Candelabra Home Polygon pillow in navy, and (star) Happy Habitat Stripes & Star pillow in coral and cerulean, all [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com). **RUG** Capri rug, [zgallerie.com](http://zgallerie.com). **DRAPES** West Elm. **BOOKSHELVES** Bekväm, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com). **Master Bedroom:** **BED** Mid-Century eucalyptus wood and acacia veneer bed in acorn finish, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com). **PILLOWS** (blue and white) Loloi Printed cotton pillow in blue and ivory, and (ikat) Loloi Embroidered pillow in pink and green, both [shopcandelabra.com](http://shopcandelabra.com). **DESK** CB2. **LAMPS** (on nightstand) Ranarp and (on desk) Riggad, both [ikea.com](http://ikea.com). **Color Tricks in Every Room, pages 82-95 Family Room:** **RUG** New Kraal II Collection Ingwe 68056K rug,



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bellbridge.com for buying info. **COFFEE TABLE** Carnaby metal cocktail table, bernhardt.com for buying info. **SOFA** 2740-N Ellsworth, crlaine.com for buying info. **FLORAL SOFA PILLOW FABRIC AND DRAPES** Chiang Mai Dragon in aquamarine, fschumacher.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **SIDE CHAIRS** 1285 Gavin, crlaine.com for buying info. **PILLOW FABRIC** (chevron) Adras Ikat in caravan, fschumacher.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **CART** (between side chairs) Design Legacy. **OTTOMAN** (orange) HomeGoods.

**Dining Room:** **DINING TABLE** Bernhardt. **DINING CHAIRS** antique. **DINING CHAIR FABRIC** El Greco in avocado, sunbrella.com for buying info. **CHANDELIER** Alexandra 9-light chandelier, cyandesign.biz for buying info. **RUG** Leopard Rose 2, starkcarpet.com for buying info.

**Foyer:** **WALLPAPER** Nina Campbell Paradiso wallpaper in color 3, janeclayton.co.uk, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **CHAIR** antique. **MIRROR** Antiqued 48" x 48" mirror, parkerkennedyliving.com. **LAMP** Kiki lamp, wildwoodlamps.com for buying info. **ELEPHANT** Two's Company. **Office:** **DESK CHAIR** Acrylic swivel chair, pbteen.com. **RUG** Stark. **DRAPES** Paradise Background in pistachio on tint, quadrillefabrics.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **Kitchen:** **STOOLS** Folio bonded leather counter stool in oyster, crateandbarrel.com; Chandelier Thornton pendant in aged iron, arteriorhome.com for buying info. **Breakfast**

**Room:** **DINING CHAIRS** Betty armchairs, crlaine.com for buying info. **DINING CHAIR FABRIC** Lulu DK Collections Plantation LD in royal blue, duralee.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **CHANDELIER** Worlds Away. **CONSOLE** Temple console table, julianichester.com for buying info. **LAMPS** Foo Dogs in white, barbaracosgrovelamps.com for buying info. **DRAPES** Nanjing in coral, fschumacher.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **Fleming's Bedroom:** **HEADBOARD** custom. **HEADBOARD AND BED SKIRT FABRIC** Lewis & Sheron Textiles. **PILLOW FABRICS** (solid pink shams) 32510-4, duralee.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info; (bolster) 32615-296, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **PILLOW** (green and white) Dransfield and Ross. **COVERLET** Leontine Linens. **NIGHTSTAND CABINET** Clayborn S, worlds-away.com for buying info. **LAMPS** Barbara Cosgrove. **CHANDELIER** Chandelier in white, barbaracosgrovelamps

.com for buying info. **DRAPES** 32510-4, duralee.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **Sydney's Bedroom:** **HEADBOARD** custom. **HEADBOARD FABRIC** Lewis & Sheron Textiles. **PILLOW FABRICS** (solid blue shams) Gaston y Daniela Habana in azul turquesa, brunswick.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info; (bolster) Pindler. **PILLOWS** (zigzag) Trina Turk. **DUVET** Leontine Linens. **BED SKIRT FABRIC** Michael Jon Designs. **SIDE TABLES** Worlds Away. **LAMPS** Regina Andrew Design. **STOOLS** Mongolian lamb benches in white, jonathanadler.com. **CHANDELIER** Twiggy chandelier in chartreuse, straydogdesigns.com. **Homework Station:** **CHAIR FABRIC** Duralee. **LAMP** Regina Andrew Design. **PINBOARD** custom. **PINBOARD FABRIC** Michael Jon Designs. **WASTE BASKET** Target. **Guest Bedroom:** **SECTIONAL** Loft Collection, youngerfurniture.com for buying info. **SECTIONAL FABRIC** Michael Jon Designs. **PILLOW FABRICS** (chain link pattern) Citysquare in terratone, kravet.com; (chevron) Sheared in pumpkin, magnoliaco.com, both decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **COFFEE TABLE** Sunpan. **CHANDELIER** Worlds Away. **Bathroom:** **WALLPAPER** Hothouse by Suzy Hoodless W5801-04, osborneandlittle.com, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Lance Jackson, parkerkennedyliving.com, 770-272-7800.

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